

MATERIALS FOR ENHANCING STAINING OF BIOPOLYMERS
IN MATRICES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a method for detecting biopolymers in a matrix. More specifically, the invention involves

- (a) contacting the matrix with a sensitizing reagent comprising one or more optionally substituted heteroaromatic compounds;
- (b) contacting the matrix with one or more reduceable metal salts to stain said biopolymer; and
- (c) detecting the stained biopolymer.

The invention also relates to compositions for carrying out the invention and compositions made according to the invention. The invention also relates to kits for carrying out the methods of the invention.